

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR LIFE



New Beginnings

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Hope is a choice.

Did you know that on February 24, 2004 Saranam brought the first four families into our program?

On February 24, 2025 we dedicated and officially announced the naming of Saranam's east side campus the "Frances Thaxton Ash Campus." The naming honors Frances Thaxton Ash, who founded Saranam through her estate gift to her church, Central United Methodist Church. Frances passed in 2001, donating her estate with the directive to help families experiencing homelessness.

Saranam was formed as a separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a unique plan to help families find a home, stability, and a self-sufficient future. We continue to fulfill this important mission every day.

We had an incredible 2024, and I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your role in making EVERYTHING possible! Here's a glimpse of what we accomplished together this year:

- We served a record number – 34 families, 37 adults, and 75 children.
- We opened Phase 1 of our ADC Family Campus, welcoming nine families into their new homes.
- We hosted a successful alumni reunion and received outstanding survey responses from alumni.
- We nearly doubled our volunteer numbers and hours, which is equivalent to 3.5 full-time workers!
- We reached more people in our community through fresh, innovative marketing strategies.
- We expanded our team to support the growth of our programming.

These are just a few of the key achievements. But beyond the numbers, there are countless stories of lives changed—our families, staff, and volunteers—all united in the spirit of transformation:

- One mom read a book—cover to cover—for the first time ever. She exclaimed, "I'm ready for my next one!"
- An alumni family recalled, "At Saranam, you go from saying, 'I want to be this' to 'I'm going to be this.' I remember all the words of encouragement and I felt them and lived them to get me where I am today."

The name comes from a hymn that says

“God is my refuge that is higher than I, Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.”

Saranam is not a permanent place, but a safe place to transform a family’s life completely before they go back out into the world and become our neighbors.

- A community member remarked how “volunteering at Saranam is helping me grow. It’s amazing to see these brave families pushing through for themselves and their families; it is humbling and helps me be a better person.”

Looking ahead, 2025 is going to be ANOTHER AMAZING YEAR! It will be a year of fulfilling our deepest aspirations. Join us for a year of coming together, pushing forward, supporting one another, and truly living out our mission and values. A year of fresh starts.

Thank you. YOU are an essential part of our Saranam community, and your contribution is vital in making all of this possible for our families.

When we know what we’re meant to do, nothing feels impossible. We become radical acts of optimism in action. Let’s set our sights high, support one another, and make this year our most successful yet.

In new beginnings, hope is a choice. Thank you for choosing hope. Thank you for choosing Saranam.

Let’s continue this journey together!

Thank you,



Tracy Weaver
Executive Director

OUR VISION

Transform the lives of families experiencing homelessness.

OUR MISSION

To empower families to end their homelessness and poverty through housing, education, and supportive communities.



Saranam Overview

Saranam is an innovative, two-generational program located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, that addresses the significant underlying causes of homelessness—lack of support systems and community, poverty, despair and isolation.



Saranam provides families with safe housing, intensive case management, a supportive community, and a pathway forward to self-sufficiency through education. With basic living needs provided for up to two years, families can focus their efforts on education, vocational development and acquiring life skills for independent living.

Additionally, Saranam is committed to a new way of looking at generational poverty. A two-generational approach is an antipoverty initiative that provides services for both children and their parents. This approach helps families get what they need to create a legacy of economic stability and overall well-being that passes from one generation to the next. This approach recognizes that families come in all different shapes and sizes and that families define themselves.

The importance that a parent’s education, economic stability, and overall health on a child’s trajectory is well documented. Likewise, children’s education and healthy development inspire and encourage parents to set their family on a more secure path.

We work from and towards the needs of both the parent and the child using research, education, and personal experience to determine what to include, maintain, or change, in our program. We have a 76% success rate of families exiting the program into permanent, safe, stable living situations, where they can support themselves. The life skills we provide ensure that families can sustain these outcomes.

The 76% of families who exit successfully do so by earning income through employment or scholarship and using it to provide for their housing, utilities, and basic living supplies. Additionally, we provide support, programming and opportunities for increased success and asset building for our alumni, who after leaving, have an 82% stability rate year after year.

Saranam’s Three Steps to ending Homelessness and Poverty for Families



STEP ONE
Housing ends homelessness



STEP TWO
Education brings employment



STEP THREE
Community builds connection

Services Provided

Housing

furnished apartment
transportation assistance
household supplies
toiletries
internet service
diapers
case management

Education

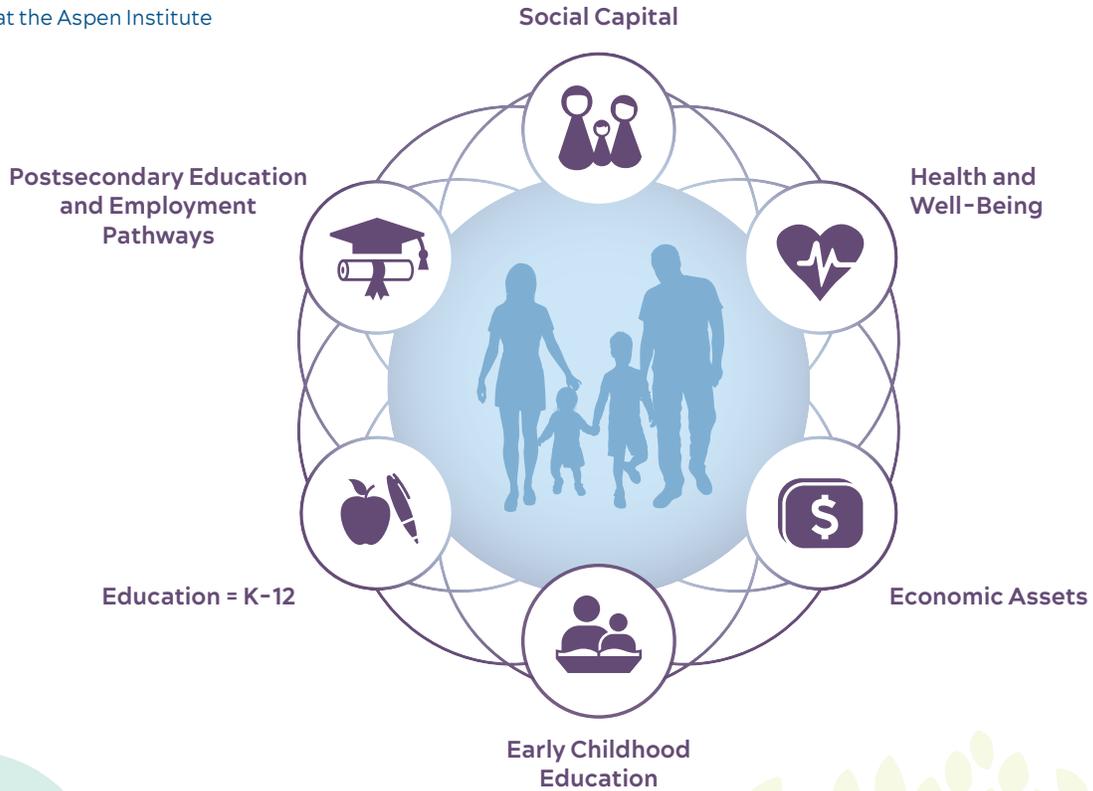
GED prep/Adult Basic Education
vocational training/college
life skills
financial management
children’s literacy
childcare referrals
computers

Community

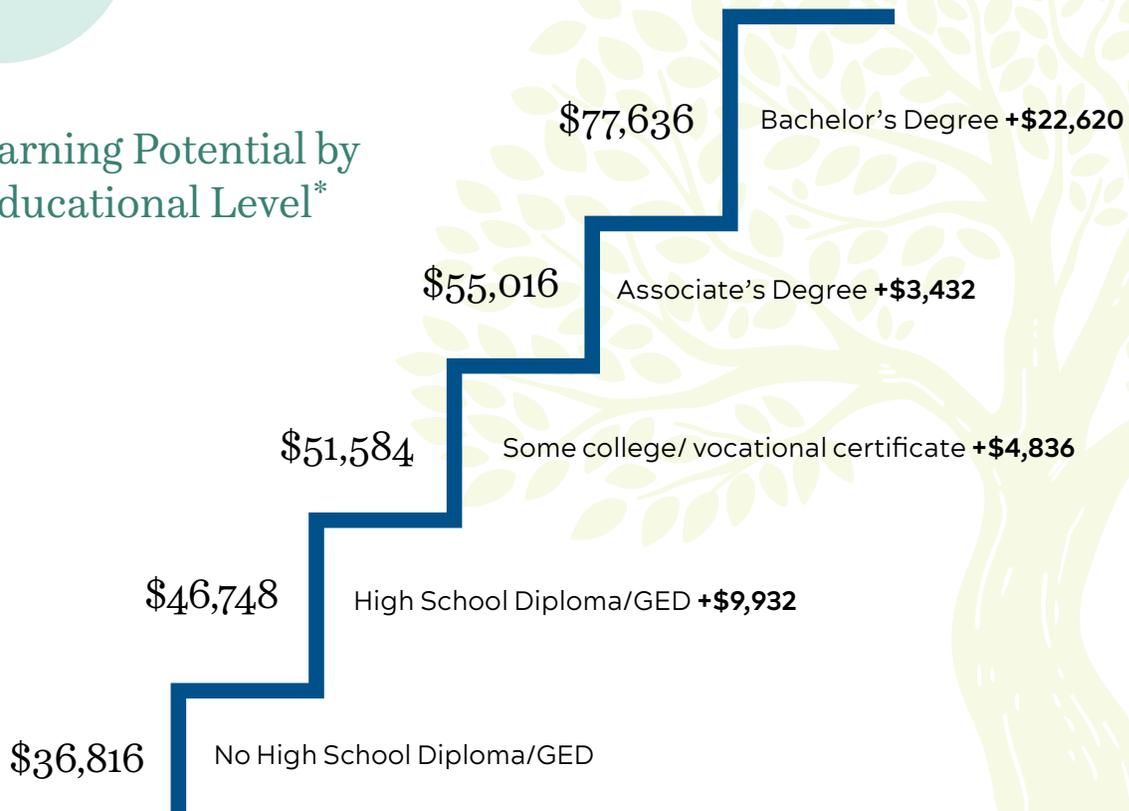
cohort model
evening family activities
volunteering opportunities
community accountability
family center
playground
community gardens
resource recommendations
alumni support

6 KEY COMPONENTS OF THE TWO-GENERATION APPROACH

From Ascend at the Aspen Institute



Earning Potential by Educational Level*

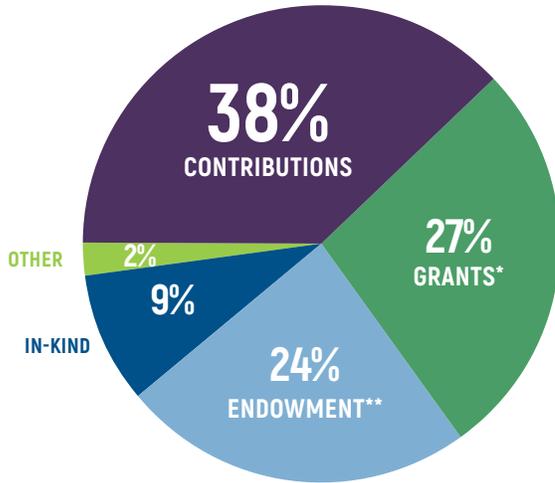


*Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023 Population Survey



2024 Financials

Total Revenue \$5,184,735



REVENUE

Contributions	\$1,968,272
Grants	\$1,416,479*
Endowment	\$1,232,012**
In-Kind	\$470,655
Other	\$97,317

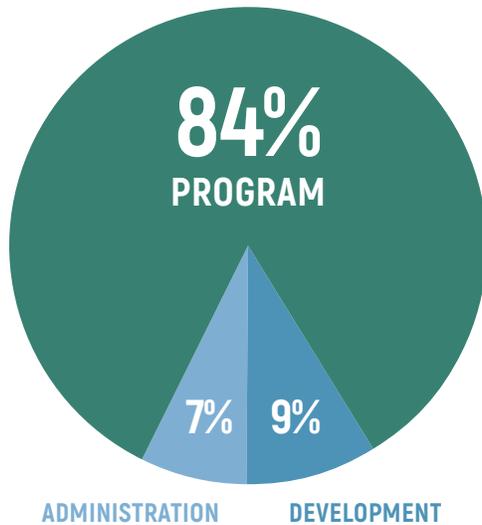
NET ASSETS

2023	\$8,617,614
2024	\$11,725,843
Change	\$3,108,229

*The increase in grants for 2024 is support specifically for the ADC Family Campus. These grants show up in income, but once expended are capitalized as an asset on the balance sheet and do not show up in expenses. (\$1,078,9790)

**The increase in endowments for 2024 reflects Saranam being given the entirety of the Frances Thaxton Ash Endowment held by Central United Methodist Church since 2001. (\$1,100,000)

Total Expenses \$2,076,506



The Frances Thaxton Ash Endowment

covers much of the cost of development and administration, 91% of every contribution goes directly to program!

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Housing costs \$684,846

33% of total expense

Covers physical provisions and services, including:

- Rent
- Apartment and hygiene supply
- Stocked kitchen/pantry
- Cash Allowance
- Transportation
- Background checks
- Drug tests
- Internet and utilities
- Case management

Education costs \$457,042

22% of total expense

Covers school and other training, including:

- Contracts for instructors
- On-site classes, fees, and supplies
- Scholarships for tuition, fees, textbooks, supplies
- Computers
- Child care
- Family and children's programing

Alumni costs \$85,613

4% of total expense

Includes support:

- Referrals
- Asset building opportunities
- Continued trainings
- Community activities

Expenses not categorized: \$524,248

Includes in-kind, staff development, program occupancy, and operating supplies.



Jessica is all about her boys!

As a proud mom of two teens, Jessica knows many dinosaurs by name and loves spending time outside, soaking up the adventures, and letting off some steam. Watching her sons grow into kind, smart and generous young men fills her with awe. “I wouldn’t be who I am now without them in my life,” she says with a smile.



That’s why she’s so passionate about building a future rich with opportunities for them. She wants her boys to feel just how cherished and loved they are, a stark contrast to her own upbringing. Reflecting on her childhood, she recalls feeling neglected and having moments clouded by anger, largely due to her father’s struggle with alcohol addiction. Even after he passed away when she was a teenager, his absence shaped her life in significant ways.



As an adult Jessica took on retail jobs, stepping up as the main caretaker for her family through plenty of tough times, even living in a hotel for three years after sleeping in parks. But the arrival of her beautiful boys pushed her to do better and do right by them. It took many years but through all of the rough times Jessica still knew her responsibility was to do her best for her babies.

Unfortunately, meaningful job opportunities often required a GED, which she did not complete, despite her best efforts. Making ends meet became a constant challenge, leading to feelings of isolation as she juggled the emotional and practical responsibilities of supporting her family. As the weight of it all began to take its toll, her battles with substance abuse intensified and created further separation from her children.

Jessica faced some bleak living conditions, ultimately leading to CYFD stepping



in and taking her boys into foster care. Though it felt like the lowest point in her life, it also marked the start of her path to recovery. “I am so very lucky to have had CYFD on my side to give me the push and the motivation to become better and get my kids back in my care.”

She embraced sobriety and worked hard to break free from the cycles of her past, promising herself that she wouldn’t let history repeat itself. Filled with newfound purpose, she began the challenging journey to reunite with her sons and entered Saranam.

Saranam turned out to be the fresh start she had been hoping for. When she moved into her new home, she was amazed at how perfectly the spaces reflected her boys’ personalities. With a sense of stability, their family was joyfully reunited just a few months later when she regained custody.



Together, this family is dreaming big about their next steps.

At Saranam, Jessica found another treasure—community. “I’ve made some of my best friends here!”, she shares. With the support and encouragement from her peers, her family has thrived. Instead of feeling isolated, they now enjoy sharing coffee on neighbors’ porches, taking each other’s kids to school, and celebrating birthdays with karaoke. The nurturing, judgment-free atmosphere of the community has helped her maintain her sobriety, which is now four years strong.

“The journey of recovery isn’t easy, but keeping a positive outlook is key as we work towards the fulfilling lives we deserve.” Her boys have also flourished, loving the other kids in the program and eagerly looking forward to family nights, even sometimes babysitting the little ones. Together, they’re finding their rhythm and gradually building trust.

One of Jessica’s favorite moments at Saranam has been returning to school with a clear goal. After a 20-year break, stepping back into the classroom was a bit nerve-wracking, but she was thrilled to have rediscovered

her passion and set an inspiring example for her boys. The parenting classes have been especially helpful, reminding her that her kids will always need guidance, something she takes to heart.

What really stood out about the education at Saranam for Jessica is the patience and understanding from her teachers, making learning something she can access again. With the support of everyone around her, she recently achieved her GED, a milestone that had everyone buzzing with excitement. “My boys cheered and told all their friends! My mom even took me out to dinner to celebrate.”

“I am worth more now by far! We are worth more! We have done a lot of work to get where we are and I have worked for it!” Jessica is now working towards her goal of becoming a community health worker and draws from her experiences to help others find the resources they need to overcome addiction.

Saranam and our community helped us all navigate and do what we are supposed to do. Now we have hope, and I am so excited about it!



Homelessness Ends With a Home



Every day parents experiencing homelessness must focus on and plan for where their children will sleep that night, how to keep them safe, and how to get them fed. Because they are often on the move and usually lack access to a kitchen, feeding their children means relying on food that does not need to be refrigerated or cooked. The entire family experiences high levels of stress, and often feels unsafe and vulnerable. This is why we start with housing.

Each family is instantly safe and has control over their immediate environment. They choose who enters their space. They no longer have to worry if their children will be safe while sleeping. They have a stocked refrigerator and working stove – and all the tools they need to cook nutritious meals. They have access to quality schools and childcare, all within walking distance.

Once these basic needs are provided, the adults and children in Saranam can begin to have the time and energy to focus on themselves: their health, their education, their futures.

Beginning on their very first day, they have a community of families surrounding them. They have other adults to talk to, they watch out for each other's children, and they rely on each other for support.





Volunteers make “home” happen!

“When we walked in it felt so much like home and we belonged there. The kids often say, ‘Dad was here whispering to the volunteers while they decorated.’ I couldn’t agree more... The final piece that made me cry was the bee decoration towels. He called me Bee. I have a bee tattoo just for him. We instantly knew we finally found home.”

—Saranam family whose father just passed away



Saranam doesn’t just supply housing, we provide HOMES that are furnished, fully stocked, and custom decorated by our wonderful volunteer decorators. In 2024, we had **24 groups consisting of a total of 227 volunteers** who spent a total of 1,757 hours decorating!

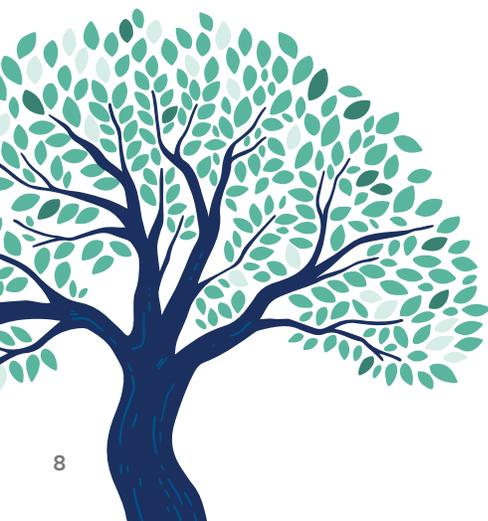
Those volunteers also prepared new homes for 2 families impacted by a fire, 10 incoming families at the Frances Thaxton Ash campus, our east side location, and another 9 families at our new ADC Family campus on the west side. That’s 21 HOMES custom decorated for each family, containing:

- › Beds and new mattresses for every child and adult
- › Dressers and large closets for storage
- › Desks for studying
- › Fully equipped kitchen with a table for family meals
- › Comfortably furnished living room for family time
- › Personal care products, cleaning supplies, and paper products

The best part, Saranam families can take all of the furnishings with them when they complete the program, making it easy for them to set up their next home!

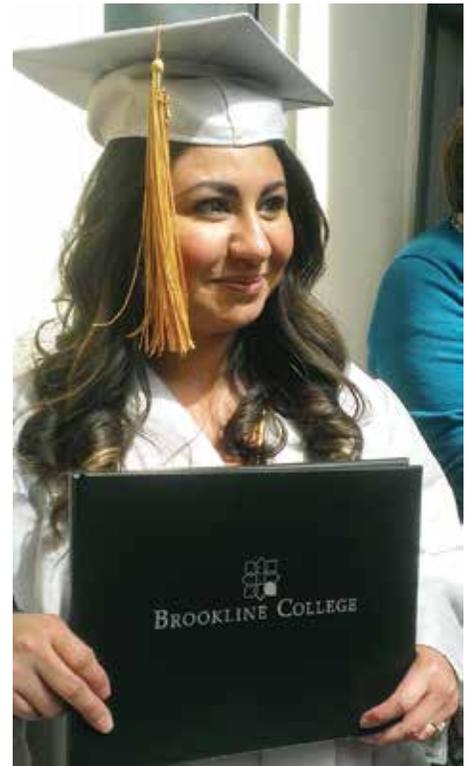
“My wish, my prayer for this family is that in their new home they will find comfort and safety. I want them to know that they are not on this journey alone and many people are cheering them on.”

—Saranam decorator





Education



2024
EDUCATION
HOURS

Adult Academic/Vocational/
292
HOURS

Adult Life Skills
429
HOURS

Children and Family Life Skills
135
HOURS

Additional GED Workshop
174
HOURS

Education Brings Employment Opportunities

Equally important to a stable present is a secure future. Through required education, parents grow their potential employment opportunities. They become providers, problem-solvers, and advocates for their children. Education brings new opportunities. Together with employment, families thrive and poverty becomes a part of their past.

Adult Academic and Vocational Education includes an assessment of current academic skills, GED preparation, individualized academic instruction, and offsite post-secondary education.

Adult Life Skills Classes are offered throughout the first year of the program to help the adults sustain and further develop their roles as parents, community member, and potential employees.

Family and Community Education is key for adult growth and success. Families get what they need to create a legacy of economic stability and overall well-being that passes from one generation to the next. At Saranam we know a robust child education component is also needed. Family education happens several nights a week. Together, parents and their children learn and practice life skills while building relationships with each other and the rest of the community.

Life Skills classes include:

- Parenting
- Effective Communication
- Organization and Time Management
- College Success
- Employability Skills
- Financial Management
- Health and Nutrition
- Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
- Reproductive Health
- Drug and Alcohol Prevention
- Personal and Family Values Identification
- Stress Management and Self Care Strategies
- Life Management





Community



Community Builds Connections



"I have support now and amazing friendships and beautiful connections made in Saranam."
—Saranam mom

Everybody needs somebody. That's why we bring Saranam families in together. That's why we function in a cohort model. Saranam families live, attend classes, socialize, and grow together. We know community holds us accountable and provides support. Community makes us stronger.

We know that community connections and relationships between children and adults help with healthy brain development, improving social capacity and decreasing parental stress. We believe that the lack of community support systems is a key underlying cause of homelessness. At Saranam we strive to make sure that relationship building and community are an integral part of every aspect of our program.

We bring an entire class of families into the program at one time and beginning with orientation, we build relationships in a peer group model. Participants move through the two-year program together.

Families in our program live together as neighbors, classmates, and friends.

This intentional community is a unique model for serving families who are experiencing homelessness. The families in our program have new opportunities together. They enjoy gardening, cooking, socializing, and learning together at our family center, the hub for community and family programming.





Alyssa and Elijah have built their lives on a commitment to always be there for their boys.

Alyssa and Elijah are some of the youngest parents Saranam has ever welcomed. They are also rich in wisdom, thanks to their unshakable determination and support from the community they have learned from and relied on.

Alyssa and Elijah have always valued home. After spending a part of their lives in foster care, ensuring a stable environment for their family has always been at the top of their priority list. As teens, they were devastated when they aged out of foster care during their senior years of high school and were forced to leave homes they loved. They craved the support and stability they would later come to know at Saranam.



They got an apartment together, but navigating the bureaucratic hurdles needed to secure additional help proved impossible. They had to leave school when transportation became difficult and the need to work took over. Alyssa was so disappointed. She had always loved school; it represented security and she knew how much getting a diploma could change her life.

Learning they were expecting a baby, though, galvanized her to get her diploma before they became parents. Leaving work and returning to school cost them their apartment, but Alyssa graduated just two weeks before welcoming their first son into the world.

Without a place to stay, they briefly lived in their car with their newborn, worried that he would be taken away. When their case worker recommended Saranam, they knew it was chance they had been waiting for: a way to keep their family together and get a jump-start on adulthood. They were thrilled to begin.

They immediately loved the structure of the program and found it so refreshing to have reliable people surrounding them. “People were there all the time, asking how you’re doing. We were used to people being in and out, it was nice having consistency and someone to go through the journey with us.”

Alyssa was particularly drawn to the parenting classes. She was relieved to learn life skills that helped them support their son. Before Saranam, they felt it seemed predetermined that they wouldn’t be good parents. They felt proud proving that they could be.



Their family also cherished their time with community during family nights. As a new mom, it was reassuring to know that it was okay not to know everything right away. The older parents became her mentors, modeling how to learn and grow with your kids. “It was nice watching older kids transition and see how parents are supposed to treat their kids. We knew what NOT to do, but it made a difference to see positive stuff.”



Alyssa and Elijah successfully left Saranam and have used their experiences to become advocates for other parents facing difficult situations. Alyssa has carried her love of learning with her, teaching school while completing her degree in sociology and criminology. She now works as a peer support navigator, helping parents reunify with their kids.

Now a family of five, she and Elijah still invest in the community they knew at Saranam. They are active members of our alumni program and recently bought a car with the help of Saranam’s IDA program. The purchase represents more than just ease for their family; learning to drive gave Alyssa independence and is a skill she is thrilled to have under her (seat) belt. Alyssa says it wasn’t even hard for them to save; it just took the same determination they have always employed.

It was nice watching older kids transition and see how parents are supposed to treat their kids.

–Alyssa

This calm, steadfast motivation is what they hope for other families at Saranam. Alyssa’s advice for families reflects the wisdom she has gained: “It does get easier eventually. Not everything is a crisis; don’t get comfortable in crisis mode.”

Alyssa and Elijah are consistently working toward new, exciting goals for their family. They recently moved to a safer neighborhood and are ready to save for a house there. “We were used to unsafe stuff, that became our normal,” she says, “now we’re striving for more.”



Throughout the turbulence they have known, their promise to their boys has never relented. Whether out in their beloved community riding bikes or going to the zoo, their family is together, now and forever.

Since leaving Saranam, Alyssa has played key roles in the New Mexico Child Advocacy Network and Leaders Uniting Voices, Youth Advocates, contributed to major legislative efforts to expand services to foster youth, and provides media outreach and training programs to task forces focused on family representation both in and out of state. She received the Foster Youth Alumnus Award from the Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice Excellence Awards for her leadership and advocacy on behalf of foster youth.



Saranam Provides Opportunities for Long-Term Family Stability

At Saranam we know that it often takes more than two years for a family to end their homelessness *and* poverty. Our alumni program reinforces the healthy living concepts and tracks improved stability and ending poverty. Families continue to obtain higher education leading to more stability and financial security.

ASSET BUILDING

- 14**
IDA participants
- 4**
Saved goal of \$1,000
- 5**
purchased vehicles
(1 met their goal in 2023 and purchased in 2024)

Building assets has a direct correlation to long-term financial stability. Through a partnership with Prosperity Works and Rio Grande Credit Union, Saranam offers two savings programs for our families:

IDA Individual Development Accounts

IDAs are matched savings accounts for alumni saving for a change-making asset like a house, a car, education, or starting a business. Participants save \$1,000 while attending financial literacy classes and setting their own goals. After the **4:1 match rate**, they have \$5,000 to spend toward the goal.

CSA Child Savings Accounts

Current families are encouraged to enroll each of their minor children in the CSA program. Saranam provides seed money, match funds (1:1), and incentive funds.

CSAs may be used for any educational expenses (tuition, books, computer, etc.) after high school graduation. Saranam contributes to these accounts for up to five years.



- 51**
child CSA participants

- ### 2024 Alumni Degrees and Certificates
- Esthetician Certificate
 - Nursing Assistant Certificate
 - Phlebotomy Certificate
 - Construction Licensure
 - Computer Support Specialist Associate Degree
 - Bachelor of Social Work



Our annual survey informs program improvements and helps us track long-term alumni stability.

- ✓ Since 2007, we have remained in contact with 76% of families who exited one year or more ago.
- ✓ In 2024 we were in direct contact with 96 families – 20 of the children in those families (2-Gen Kids) are now adults and maintain a relationship with Saranam
- ✓ Of those families, 82% who left the program successfully remain stable year after year.

The Numbers



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Families
Exited

Saranam has served 191 homeless families, including 409 children and 216 adults, during our 21 years in operation. Families successfully exit our program having met three or more of our measures of success, indicating that they are able to be fully self-sufficient. This includes the ability to pay for housing, utilities, and other living expenses.

**8 families achieved
3+ measures of success**

34 families served

19 new families entered

37 Adults

Includes 7 young parents (18-24)

75 Children

19 Pre-born-1yr

15 Ages 2-4

35 Ages 5-12

6 Ages 13+

RACE/ETHNICITY

47 Hispanic

23 American Indian/Alaska Native

18 Caucasian/White

10 Bi-racial

8 African American/Black

5 Declined to state

1 Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

20 STUDENTS were enrolled in:

Central New Mexico Community College, University of New Mexico, Carrington College, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, and Eastern New Mexico University

Students enrolled in postsecondary programs earned a total of 164 postsecondary credits.

COMPLETED

Licensed Practical Nurse Certificate

Certified Nursing Assistant

Phlebotomy Certificate

GED (3 students)

PURSUING

Community Health Worker Certificate (4 students)

Film Crew Technician Certificate

Pharmacy Technician Certificate

AA, Human Services (2 students)

AA, Social Work

AS, Pre Engineering

AS, Welding

AS, Engineering

AS, Medical Lab Technology

AAS, Radiologic Technology (2 students)

AAS, Nursing (2 students)

AAS, Computer Info Systems

BA, Liberal Arts

BA, Social Work

BS, Nursing

Saranam serves families from all over New Mexico. 47% of the families served since 2004 came from outside of Albuquerque.

In 2024, Saranam housed 63.6% of all Albuquerque families in transitional housing.*

*New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness 2024 Point in Time Count

SARANAM'S 6 MEASURES OF SUCCESS

1

The family has moved into **STABLE HOUSING**

2

Adult members of the family have significantly improved their level of **EDUCATION**

3

Adult members of the family are **EMPLOYED**

4

Adult members of the family have significantly improved their **ABILITY TO MANAGE LIFE**

5

Parents have improved their **PARENTING SKILLS**

6

Adult members of the family have **ADDRESSED THE MAJOR BARRIERS** to their family stability

76% cumulative success rate at exit | 82% cumulative stability rate one year post exit

IN OUR FIFTH YEAR WITH THE UNM EVALUATION LAB, Saranam began our two-year mixed methods (qualitative and quantitative) cohort study. The goal of the study is to demonstrate the effectiveness of our program and to identify key factors that support successful replication in new communities. Engaging alumni focus groups within a community-based participatory research approach, we identified themes across the families and the program that emerge before, during, and after their stay, all of which contribute to equipping the families to achieve stability.

PROGRAM EFFICACY & REPLICABILITY

2024-2025

TEAM

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Jordan Cilley
Audrey Cooper

OVERVIEW

Saranam is a two-year transitional living program with a mission to empower families to end their homelessness and poverty through housing, education, and supportive community in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The goal is to determine Saranam's program efficacy and replicability at empowering families to overcome their poverty and homelessness.

Evaluation sub-questions:
 What equips families to achieve stability across the 4 pillars (community, education and employment, housing, and resilience), including both factors each family brings in with them and factors provided by and built into the Saranam program? How do factors from Saranam's program and outside influences lead to success?

WORK PERFORMED

2 Alumni & Staff
FOCUS GROUPS

+

2 Key Informant
INTERVIEWS

=

26
PARTICIPANTS

- Protocols created based on evaluation goal; used River of Life exercise to guide focus groups
- Participants drew pictures, wrote descriptions, placed stickers, and shared aloud
- Participants chronicled families' successes, challenges, turning points, and learnings at Saranam
- Participants analyzed their own data by identifying themes using stickers to represent major concepts
- Interviews provided additional data on cohort selection and alumni support

THEMATIC ANALYSIS

	COMMUNITY	EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT	HOUSING	RESILIENCE	
STABILITY IN SARANAM FAMILIES A thriving and clear daily routine that is grounded in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> individually defined core values autonomous decision making a sense of peace and wellbeing with a vision of multiple pathways to personal success all while situated in the comfort of a safe and resourced environment.	BEFORE Selection & Program Readiness	Family Oriented Balance Readiness	Educational Milestone Readiness Lack of Resources	Hardship Other Organizational Aid	Dependence Hardship Growth
	DURING Program Influence	Balance Solidarity Plan	Liberation Growth Educational Milestone	Rootedness Self-Esteem Liberation	Enough Resources Growth Self-esteem
	AFTER Alumni Support & Exit Readiness	Solidarity Growth Balance	Liberation Discipline Empowerment	Rootedness Solidarity Support	Hardship Self-esteem Significant Relationship Milestones

"I refuse to completely give up, so I continue to fight these battles every day, and I am confident that I will overcome this rough spot in life (yet again) and move forward." - Saranam Program Participant

KEYS TO SUCCESS

PARENTS & FAMILY	SARANAM	SYSTEMS & POLICIES
Family Commitment Resilience Accountability	Cohort Composition Supportive Community Education	Government & Housing Assistance Childcare Support Groups

We are thankful to Saranam Alumni and Staff participants, the Saranam Team, and our Evaluation Lab cohort for their contribution and support of this evaluation.



Scalability



We're In!

In November 2024 we moved in our first cohort of 9 families upon completion of phase 1 of the build. Now we finally see the end is near. The campus should be completed by summer 2025.



Saranam Grows: ADC Family Campus Update

Saranam is committed to being a sustainable solution to family homelessness. We have operated Saranam at the 24-unit Frances Thaxton Ash Campus on the east side of Albuquerque since 2005. Every year we are only able to meet a fraction of the demand for our program.

We are completing the new 3.5-acre ADC Family Campus on Albuquerque's west side. This second location more than doubles our capacity. The site includes new homes, classrooms and office space along with playgrounds, gathering spaces, a renovated family center, community gardens, and parking. The safety, access to essential services, and convenience of transportation to higher education facilities make it an ideal place for families to set down roots.

We appreciate everyone's support of our expansion. Stay tuned for more information on our progress.



Acknowledgements



Unduplicated Volunteers
1,311

Volunteer Hours
7,125

Value of Volunteers to Saranam
\$240,754

The national value of a volunteer's time is estimated at **\$33.79 per hour.**
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